**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****PATENT**

Application No.: 10/649,086
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First Named Inventor: Steven J. Keating et al.
Examiner's Name: Owens, Douglas W.
Art Unit: 2811
Attorney Docket No.: 042390P6134D

- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
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- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
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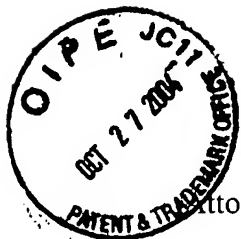
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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